

SCHOOL OFFICIALS STILL OPPOSED TO ANNEXATION BID, FIRST HEARING MILD

Meeting Changes No Minds

School, city planning, and Great Lakes Carbon Corp. officials discussed the impact of the proposed Palos Verdes annexation on Torrance Schools Saturday morning, but apparently nobody changed anybody else's mind on the question.

Planning Commissioners indicated that they would consider carefully the results of a special School Board meeting to be held tomorrow night with Ivar Hanson, general manager of the Rancho Palos Verdes Corp., and other company officials.

Discussion Saturday centered around a variety of topics, including school problems and proposed plans for the area.

Present at the meeting were Dr. A. H. Hill, superintendent of schools; Mrs. Grace Wright and Dr. Rollin R. Smith, school board members; J. A. Beasley, William A. Mason, Laurence Wing, Burt Lynn, Beverly Smith, and John Mulvihill, planning commissioners; George Powell, commission secretary; Hanson; and E. L. Gerkin, Engineering Service Corp. representative.

School Board Opposed
The School Board is unanimous in opposing the annexation. President Grace Wright declared, "We feel that Torrance taxpayers are going to pay the major portion for the bill for annexation, and that we would place a price tag on it."

At the same time, Hanson admitted that the area would not pay for itself at first, but would eventually do so. He and Dr. Hill disagreed over the potential assessed valuation of the land.

Admitting that Hanson was (Continued on Page 2)

SPORTS ANNOUNCER TO ADDRESS LEAGUE

Sportscaster, Cleve Herman will speak at a get-acquainted meeting of the Pacific Coast Little League at the Walteria Elementary School Wednesday evening at 7:30, it was announced here Saturday.

Herman will have pictures of the 1954 World Series and the 1949 Little League World Series to show during the meeting.

Several city officials have indicated that they would be in attendance at the meeting. The meeting will be open to the public.

KIRKHAM'S SEEK TO GET RID OF STINKY GUEST

A guest came to call on the Jack Kirkhams, of 18545 Ashley Ave., last Christmas, but none of the family likes him. In fact, they think he is a little stinker.

As a result, they have been trying, unsuccessfully, to get rid of him ever since, but he won't crawl out from under the house. The unwelcome visitor is a skunk.

The trouble all started when the Kirkhams noticed a distinctive, unpleasant odor drifting through the floor of their bedroom. Kirkham ripped a hole in the closet wall, and saw Mr. Skunk, but couldn't reach him.

The Kirkhams called the Police Department, which referred them to the Fire Department, which referred them to the Health Department, which referred them to the Humane Society, which referred them to a private skunk raiser.

The skunk enthusiast placed a trap, baited with chicken wings, under the house. In three weeks, the skunk has inspected the trap, but has not entered it.

The Kirkhams now go to sleep amid the odors left by Mr. Skunk. They can hear him scratching at the walls but can't reach him.

"We are about crazy trying to think of something to do," Mrs. Kirkham said. "They told us not to shoot him or set a steel trap because the odor would be unbearable."

They would welcome any suggestions on how to get rid of their visitor. Maybe a female skunk could do the trick.

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Contracting Without Permit Brings Penalty

A north Torrance man has been sentenced for contracting and building without a license, the State Department of Professional and Vocational Standards, revealed yesterday.

Sentenced to 90 days in jail was Lee Miller, of 4732 W. 173rd St. Judge John Shidler suspended the jail stay, and placed Miller on three years probation when he appeared in South Bay Municipal Court.

Walter Dahlelski, investigator for the Contractors' State License Board, filed the complaint against Miller. He was aided in the investigation by Henry West, city building inspector.

Officer Holmes Listed as 'Fair'

Condition of California Highway Patrolman Jesse Holmes was listed as "fair—and as such could be expected" by doctors at St. Francis Hospital, Lynwood.

Holmes suffered serious injuries when his police motor cycle collided with a car in the Carson area two weeks ago.

Formerly a Torrance police officer, Holmes was enroute to the Compton CHP office when the accident occurred.

Visiting hours at the hospital are daily from 2 to 4 and from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Bedroom Burglarized

A thief made off with \$150 in a wooden box in his bedroom, Michael Barbatto, of 24515 Narbonne Ave., told sheriff's deputies last week. The money was stored in the bedroom behind his shoe shop, he said.

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FIREMEN FIGHT FIERY CRASH... It took firemen nearly an hour to extinguish completely the gasoline-fed flames which engulfed these two vehicles at Carson and Normandie Friday evening. Driver of the pick-up truck, (right) received critical injuries.

Special Points Week Revealed

Have you received your Torrance HERALD-Merchants Coupon Book? This book is issued to those who subscribe or renew through one of the campaign workers listed below, during the Herald's \$5000 subscription campaign.

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Second Hearing Slated

Second of two hearings on the proposal to annex a huge area of Palos Verdes hills to Torrance to be held before the city's Planning Commission will get underway at 7 Wednesday evening. The first hearing, held last Wednesday evening, brought out several requests for information on the subject but no hints of organized opposition to the move.

Appearing before the hearing last Wednesday was Ivar O. Hanson, manager of Rancho Palos Verdes Corp., which is proposing to annex the 5813 acres of hill area to Torrance. Hanson presented the development plans of his firm and answered questions raised by less than a dozen of the more than 50 persons attending the meeting.

Road Plans Told
Plans of the firm to extend Hawthorne Ave. from Walteria to the crest of the hill to provide more adequate access to the area was discussed by Hanson. He said much of the engineering had been done and that it was physically possible to loop the road up through the present Walteria plant site of Great Lakes Carbon Corp., parent company of the firms represented on the hill. This would relieve much of the traffic congestion that could be expected in the area should Westshaw Blvd. prove one of the only outlets to the north, he said.

Prior to Hanson's presentation, Planning Commission Secretary George Powell presented 17 communications on the subject for the records. Only four of the letters expressed opposition to the proposal; most were merely requests for additional information on the matter.

School problems continue to furnish principal source of opposition. Several of the questions from those in the audience were directed at Hanson on school matters.

Fee Land Discussed
In response to one question by Mrs. Donald Hauser, of 160 Paseo de las Delicias, Hanson said, "we may have to dedicate some land to help the school get started—but it is not in the American tradition." He said that if the developers did not receive a fair payment for the land, that surrounding areas would have to pay a disproportionate cost to offset the "free" school sites.

Answering other questions raised during the evening, Hanson said the developers "could win the zoning battle with the county every day of the week and twice on Sunday" if it came to that. Annexing to Torrance, he said, would allow the area to slip into a city environment without the problems of forming a separate municipal government.

No New Bonds
He also said the new water and sewer systems planned for the area were being financed through private sources and that cost of the improvements would not mean additional bonds for Torrance taxpayers.

Following the Planning Commission hearings, the City Council will conduct a third hearing and render a final decision.

Flaming 4-Car Crash Hurts 6, One Critically

One man received critical injuries and five others were hospitalized following a spectacular four-car crash at Normandie Ave. and Carson St. Friday evening. Two of the vehicles involved in the crash exploded into flames and were heavily damaged.

San Pedro police said a pickup truck driven by John L. Conn, 44, of 23805 Marigold Ave., crashed into the rear of an auto driven by Carl A. Vogel, 20, of Los Angeles. Conn's condition was described as critical following the crash.

Another auto, driven by Richard Worthing, 50, of Los Angeles, and one driven by Garry Needham, 16, of 1257 W. 218th St., also were involved in the chain reaction collision, according to police records.

Officers said the pickup truck struck Vogel's car, which was then knocked into the third auto, which in turn struck the fourth car in the intersection.

Vogel told the HERALD after the crash that he was sitting at the intersection heading north on Normandie Ave., waiting to get a green light.

Saw Headlights
"I looked up and saw these headlights coming up on me real fast," he said. He indicated that he did not have time to do a thing before his car was struck. Vogel said he had just bought the new car five days ago and was out "putting a couple of miles on it." The car was a complete loss.

Also injured in the crash were Tom Folsom, 24, of Los Angeles, who was riding with Vogel; Worthington, Mrs. Worthington, 36; Shannon Cobb, 14, of Wilmington.

Firemen from County Engine Co. 36 and from Harbor City Company 85 spent nearly an hour extinguishing the flames set off when the gas tank on Vogel's auto exploded. The two vehicles were welded together by the terrific impact, firemen said.

Vogel and Folsom were released from Harbor General Hospital following treatment for minor injuries.

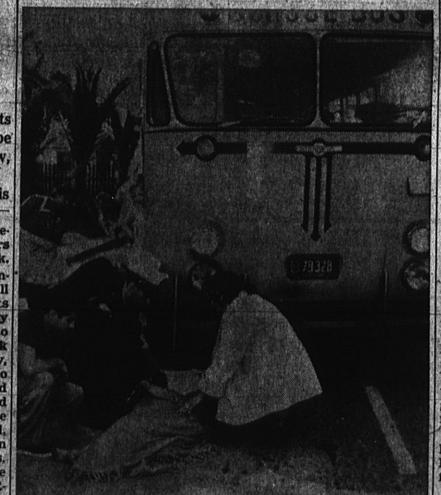
Conn received injuries which included a crushed chest, and other body lacerations and bruises.

Falls Participating In Alabama Maneuver

Army Pvt. Kenneth D. Falls, whose wife Wanda lives at 1027 W. 225th St., is a member of the 31th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, which will be an aggressor force in "Exercise Follow Me," a simulated atomic warfare maneuver in Alabama.

Private Falls, a demolitions expert, has been in the Army since March of last year.

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HIT BY BUS... Four-year-old Eddie, Montayo awaits an ambulance after he was struck by a school bus on 203rd St. in Pueblo, Friday afternoon. Officers Don Nash, shown with boy, and Myles Hamilton, said the lad ran into the street. Driver was Wayne N. Branun, 41, of 3004 Winlock Rd. The lad, who received only minor injuries, lives at 2136 W. 208rd St.

Driver Hurt As Car Flips

Seriously injured when his car went out of control, rolled over and snapped a fire hydrant was Harold Belmar, 26, of Compton, according to police.

Investigators said Belmar was traveling on Crenshaw Blvd., when he hit a street divider, skidded 400 feet, and rolled over at 188th St., Saturday.

The driver was taken to Harbor General Hospital.

Jury Decides Poison Death Not Murder

A coroner's jury today termed the cyanide poison death of Franklin E. Willard, 29, Torrance worker, to be either "suicidal or accidental."

Willard died last Jan. 4 after he reportedly downed a glass of water containing a lethal dose of the deadly poison.

His wife Elizabeth, 28, testified that her husband had offered her a glass of whiskey and water in their home at 145 E. 224th St., but that she refused both. She said that her husband then drank both glasses of the liquid and went outside where she found him dead a short time later.

Willard had reportedly worked with cyanide as an electroplater, and according to sheriff's deputies had made numerous inquiries as to the deadliness of the poison.

Blood Bank Will Stop Here Today

The Red Cross blood bank will be at the Civic Auditorium from 11:30 to 7:30 p.m. today, Mrs. Gordon Jones, chairman, announced Friday.

Persons who have not given blood within the last three months are eligible to give blood again, she said. Persons between 21 and 60 may donate, but those under 21 must have a release slip signed by a guardian or parent.

174th St. Opened Between Normandie Ave. and Main

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies officially opened the new four-lane link of 174th St. between Normandie Ave. and Main St. Friday afternoon, opening the divided highway between Sepulveda on the west and Main on the east.

When another link now under construction between Alameda St. and Central Ave. is completed in November of this year, the highway will be opened as a four-lane divided highway from Sepulveda Blvd. east to Woodruff in Bellflower.

The portion between Normandie Ave. and Main St. was constructed by the Sheets Construction Co. of Gardena at a cost of \$550,000.

Vlado Kovacevich Co. has been awarded a \$1,575,000 contract for the portion between Central and Alameda.

Designated as the Artesia parkway, State Highway 175 will eventually be opened and fully improved east through Los Angeles County and through Orange County to the Santa Ana Canyon Freeway in Los Angeles County. It runs along 174th St.

Last August the portion between Hawthorne Blvd. and Normandie was opened and has since helped to relieve congestion on several of the county's secondary roads.

The new section being opened between Normandie and Main consists of a four-lane divided highway, with 56 feet of roadway on each side of the center dividing strip, which varies in width from 16 feet to six feet at the left turn lanes at intersections.

Traffic signals and mercury vapor highway safety lighting has been installed at each major intersection. Signals also have push buttons so they can be operated by pedestrians.